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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, September 9, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Susan Atkins, Abby Silverman Weiss, Sarah White, Alan Ziegaus

Absent: Ann Haddad, Katie Sullivan

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Engineering & Capital Projects; Victor Westmoreland, Administrative Aide

Public: Jeremy Coriale, Turner Construction

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. in the City Conference Room at 1095 K Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Deborah Barrow

The Friends annual meeting is Saturday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the Logan Heights Branch Library. Jay Hill and Steve Hawkesworth are the keynote speakers.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

None.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

None.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Jay Hill

In June the Foundation reported on its fundraising progress to the City Council's Rules Committee.

The Foundation continues to host successful New Central Library site visits with potential donors. Joan and Irwin Jacobs invited several prospective donors for two site visits over the past two weeks, which resulted in a six-figure contribution.

The Downtown Charter High School, proposed by the San Diego Public Library Foundation, has been approved. In early August, the San Diego Unified School District Board unanimously selected the Downtown Charter High School as operator of the New Central Library School.

Library Day at Petco Park was on July 30. Summer Reading participants were featured in a special pre-game ceremony.

At its annual awards meeting in November, the Association for Fundraising Professionals will name Armando Herrera, of the Logan Heights Teen Council, their 2011 San Diego Outstanding Volunteer. Armando was one of the Foundation's nominees. Since February 2010, he has volunteered more than 600 hours at the library, and has spoken to the City Council, urging them to not make budget cuts.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

All libraries experienced downtime due to the extensive area blackout in San Diego and the surrounding area. Staff did a great job of clearing patrons out of the buildings.

The City Heights Branch library is able to stay open on Sundays due to Price Charities' generous donation of \$50,000. When sufficiently staffed, we may be able to look at other branch libraries for Sunday hours.

The Voice of San Diego recently featured a nice article on Library Director Deborah Barrow regarding the future of libraries.

Amazon is planning to make eBooks accessible through libraries soon. This has been a problem for users, while Sony eReaders, Barnes and Noble and others could be used with library systems.

Artist John Daniel Abel's most recent body of work, *Nocturnes*, is currently on display at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library through October 29.

Our Greater San Diego Vision through the San Diego Foundation is looking at what the future of San Diego should be. Meeting date information is provided in the attached handout, and commissioner participation is encouraged.

Proposed Farmers' Market at San Carlos Branch Library – issues related to gift of public funds and use of library outdoor space are being looked into.

The Library has been asked to explore the possibility of having a Veterans' Memorial at the College-Rolando Branch.

The Library should announce a new Deputy Director within the coming weeks.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

New Central Library Update – Jeremy Coriale of Turner Construction did a presentation about software systems in the construction process and led a tour of the construction site.

10.b Budget Update

No report provided.

10.c Legislative Update

No report provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Deborah L. Barrow

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Library Director

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